'B' which could be given to any single bidder. Counter offeis were given to other bidders in these five Service Areas to match the package of the HI bidder. None of the other bidders accepted this offer. Therefore, fresh Financial Bids are being invited in these Circles also.

(c) Details are given in the Annexure. *[See Appendix 175. Annexure No. 23]*

(d) Details are given in the *Statement. (See* below)

(e) Companies whose bids are found to be acceptable will be considered for grant of licence. As regards others, they are eligible to participate in bidding for the second round of Financial Bids.

(f) NIT for fresh Financial Bids has been issued on 1.12.95. Last date for submission of bids is 1.1.96 and bids will be opened on the same date.

Statement

Thirteen Service Areas in which fresh Financial Bids are being invited

SI.No.	Name of the Service	Area	Category
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	Islands	C
2.	Assam		C
3.	Bihar		C
4.	Himachal Pradesh		c
5.	Madhya Pradesh		B
6.	North East		C
7.	Tamil Nadu		A
8.	UP. East		B
9.	Andhra Pradesh		A
10.	Gujarat		A
11.	Kerala		B
12.	Punjab		B
13.	West Bengal		B

NOTE: In the case of service areas from SI. No. 1 to 8 fresh financial bids are being invited on account of the original bids not having been found acceptable. From SI. No. 9 to 13 are the service areas where the fresh financial bids are being invited on account of other bidders not accepting the HI package.

मोती खावरी वन क्षेत्र की वन्य प्राणी और अभयारण हेतु आरक्षित क्षेत्र के रूप में घोषणा

925. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव :** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) क्या सरकार मोती खावरी वन क्षेत्र को वन्य प्राणी और अभयारणय के लिए पूर्णतया आरक्षित क्षेत्र के रूप में घोषित करने का विचार रखती है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने अपेक्षित अधिसूचना जारी की है,

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस क्षेत्र में किन्हीं औद्योगिक एककों को स्थापित करने का प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इस अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में खनन/दोहन की प्रक्रिया पर प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है, और

(ड.) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

पर्यावरण औ वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) से (ड.) सूचना राज्य सरकार से एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Increase in afforestation in the States

926. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various measures taken in respect of afforestation have increased the forest cover in various States Particularly in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) to what extent depletion of forests has been made good through afforestation, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Forest Survey of India is engaged in the assessment of forest cover in the country since 1987. The change in forest cover is reflected in the State of Forests Report brought out every two years. The State of Forest Report of 1987 and 1989 showed an annual loss of forest cover to the extent of 47,500 hectares. However, the State of Forest Report, 1991 showed a net annual increase of 28000 hectares. The State of Forests